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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8056

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USMISSION IAEA VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, ENRG, AS

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SAFEGUARD DISCUSSIONS -- AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVES

1. SUMMARY:IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER  
MATTER ON APRIL 29, GOA DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT EMBASSY WOULD  
BE OFFICIALLY APPROACHED IN NEAR FUTURE CONCERNING  
PROPOSAL TO SEND A GOA TEAM TO WASHINGTON  
AND SELECTED OTHER CAPITALS FOR DISCUSSION OF  
BILATERAL NUCLEAR SAFEGUARD MEASURES GOA SHOULD  
INSTITUTE WHEN AND IF IT BEGINS TO EXPORT YELLOW  
CAKE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GOA HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE THAT WHEN AND  
IF AUSTRALIA BEGINS TO EXPORT URANIUM YELLOW CAKE,  
IT WILL WISH TO NEGOTIATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT  
SAFEGUARD UNDERTAKINGS, SUPPLEMENTAL TO MULTILATERAL  
SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRIME  
MINISTER HAS APPROVED THE SENDING OF A GOA TEAM TO  
VISIT KEY CAPITALS FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON THE  
CHARACTER ANDCONTENT OF THE BILATERAL UNDERTAKINGS

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WHICH THE GOA SHOULD SEEK. IT WAS SPECIFIED THAT

THE PROPOSED TEAM WOULD VISIT WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA, AS WELL AS SELECTED BUT UNSPECIFIED EUROPEAN CENTERS, FOR SUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. WHILE THE PRECISE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM WHICH WILL BE PROPOSED WAS NOT INDICATED, IT APPEARED LIKELY TO INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, AND AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT PROMPTLY WHEN GOA MAKES OFFICIAL APPROACH, PRESUMABLY IN NEAR FUTURE.  
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